

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) An information processing apparatus used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups having two types of form which each contain at least one item, and executing an application, comprising:

a form display unit configured to display one of a first form and a second form
5 that are each composed of a specific item group and a non-specific item group other than the specific item group, the specific item group and the non-specific item group each containing at least one input display item being an input field used for input, the specific item group being provided for use by only a specific operator or operator group, the first form being for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group, and the second form being for
10 displaying only the non-specific item group;

an information acquisition unit configured to acquire information which is input by any of the plurality of different operators or operator groups, through the input display item contained in the form displayed by the form display unit, and make the acquired information visible in the input display item on the displayed form;

15 a switching operation acquisition unit configured to acquire simultaneous pressing of a plurality of keys from a current operator, in a state where the acquired information is visible on the displayed form;

a display change unit configured to, when the simultaneous pressing of the plurality of keys is acquired, (a) if the first form for displaying the specific item group and the
20 non-specific item group is being displayed, make the specific item group disappear from the

displayed form and thereby display the second form for displaying only the non-specific item group, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item, and (b) if the second form for displaying only the non-specific item group is being displayed, make the specific item group appear on the displayed form to
25 thereby display the first form for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group with a position of each item of the specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the specific item group being same as when the specific item group was displayed last time, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the non-specific item group; and

30 an application execution unit configured to execute the application using the information displayed in the input display item by the information acquisition unit, when one item in the specific item group is operated by the specific operator or operator group.

22. (New) The information processing apparatus of Claim 21, wherein the plurality of keys are a control key, an ALT key, and a PF 1 key.

23. (New) The information processing apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:
a storage unit storing form definition information which defines the form, containing the specific item group and the non-specific item group,

wherein the display change unit redisplay the form according to the form
5 definition information in a state where a visibility property of the specific item group is set to be invisible if the first form is being displayed, and redisplay the form according to the form definition information in a state where the visibility property of the specific item group is set to be visible if the second form is being displayed.

24. (New) A method of managing an operator change in an information processing apparatus which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups, having two types of form which each contain at least one item, and executing an application, the method comprising the steps of:

5 displaying one of a first form and a second form that are each composed of a specific item group and a non-specific item group other than the specific item, group, the specific item group and the non-specific item group each containing at least one input display item being an input field used for input, the specific item group being provided for use by only a specific operator or operator group, the first form being for displaying the specific item group and the
10 non-specific item group, and the second form being for displaying only the non-specific item group;

 acquiring information which is input by any of the plurality of different operators or operator groups, through the input display item contained in the form displayed by the form display unit, and make the acquired information visible in the input display item on the displayed
15 form;

 acquiring simultaneous pressing of a plurality of keys from a current operator, in a state where the acquired information is visible on the displayed form;

 when the simultaneous pressing of the plurality of keys is acquired, (a) if the first form for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group is being displayed,
20 making the specific item group disappear from the displayed form and thereby display the second form for displaying only the non-specific item group, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item, and (b) if the

second form for displaying only the non-specific item group is being displayed, making the specific item group appear on the displayed form to thereby display the first form for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group with a position of each item of the specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the specific item group being same as when the specific item group was displayed last time, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the non-specific item group; and

executing the application using the information displayed in the input display item by the information acquisition step, when one item in the specific item group is operated by the specific operator or operator group.

25. (New) A recording medium including therein a computer-executable program for use in an information processing apparatus which is used by a plurality of different operators or operator groups, having two types of form which each contain at least one item, and executing an application, the computer-executable program comprising codes for executing the steps of:

displaying one of a first form and a second form that are each composed of a specific item group and a non-specific item group other than the specific item group, the specific item group and the non-specific item group each containing at least one input display item being an input field used for input, the specific item group being provided for use by only a specific operator or operator group, the first form being for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group, and the second form being for displaying only the non-specific item group;

acquiring information which is input by any of the plurality of different operators or operator groups, through the input display item contained in the form displayed by the form display unit, and make the acquired information visible in the input display item on the displayed form;

acquiring simultaneous pressing of a plurality of keys from a current operator, in a state where the acquired information is visible on the displayed form;

when the simultaneous pressing of the plurality of keys is acquired, (a) if the first form for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group is being displayed, making the specific item group disappear from the displayed form and thereby display the second form for displaying only the non-specific item group, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item, and (b) if the second form for displaying only the non-specific item group is being displayed, making the specific item group appear on the displayed form to thereby display the first form for displaying the specific item group and the non-specific item group with a position of each item of the specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the specific item group being same as when the specific item group was displayed last time, without changing a position of each item of the non-specific item group and display contents of the input display item in the non-specific item group; and

executing the application using the information displayed in the input display item by the information acquisition step, when one item in the specific item group is operated by the specific operator or operator group.